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 SUBJECT: NMKG SWITCHES TO FULLY OPERATIONAL MODE AT
 THE FRONT

1. SUMMARY: NMKG WILL BE A FULLY OPERATIONAL FIELD
 FORCE BY OCTOBER 23. OPERATIONS ARE HAMSTRUNG BY
 LACK OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE
 OAU. THE NEXT STEP IS TO ATTEMPT TO WIDEN THE

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CORRIDOR SEPARATING GOR AND RPF TROOPS. NMOG
COMMANDERS CONTINUE TO IMPRESS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN SPITE OF SERIOUS FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES (REPORTED SEPTEL), THE RWANDA NEUTRAL MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP IS READY TO TRANSFORM ITSELF INTO A FULLY OPERATIONAL FORCE ON THE FRONT LINES. COMMANDERS FROM THE MALIEN AND ZIMBABWEAN CONTINGENTS WILL BE ON RECONNAISSACE PATROL FROM OCTOBER 20 TO 22, CHECKING SITES FOR FIXED POSITIONS, PREVIOUSLY DETERMINED BY THE NIGERIANS, SENEGALESE, GOR AND RPF. TENT CAMPS WILL BE SET UP AT THESE POSITIONS STARTING OCTOBER 23, AND THE NMOG WILL PATROL FROM THEM, REPORTING TO SECTOR HQS IN MUTARA, BYUMBA AND BUTARO SECTORS.

3. THE NEXT STEP IS FOR THE NMOG TO TRY TO WIDEN THE DEMILITARIZED CORRIDOR BETWEEN GOR AND RPF FORCES. CURRENTLY THEY ARE SEPARATED IN MOST SECTORS BY ONLY A FEW HUNDRED METERS AT MOST, EXCEPT ALONG THE RUGESI

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SWAMP BETWEEN RUHENERI AND BYUMBA PREFECTURES. NMOG
WOULD LIKE TO INITIALLY ESTABLISH A ONE KM STRIP
BETWEEN THE FORCES, BY HAVING BOTH MOVE BACK FROM
CURRENT POSITIONS BY 500 METERS, THUS CLEARING THE
COMBATANTS OUT OF THE MOST HEAVILY MINED AREAS. IF
THIS WORKED, NMOG WOULD ASK BOTH FORCES TO MOVE AN
ADDITIONAL 1 KM AWAY FROM THE DMZ, GIVING THE
OBSERVER GROUP A CLEAR CORRIDOR, MORE OR LESS MINE
FREE, ON EACH SIDE OF THE DMZ IN WHICH TO WORK.

4. NMOG COMMANDER OF OPERATIONS, LTC. IKEHIRE,
STATED THAT, WHILE THE FORCE WILL BE EXTREMELY THIN
ON THE GROUND, AND HAMPERED BY THE LACK OF ANY
REINFORCED OR PROTECTIVE EMPLACEMENTS, NMOG WILL
CONTINUE TO MAKE DO WITH WHAT THEY HAVE IN ORDER TO
MONITOR THE CEASEFIRE. HIS PREFERRED METHOD OF
OPERATIONS WOULD BE TO HAVE A CHAIN OF FIXED
POSITIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE LINE SEPARATING GOR
AND RPF FORCES, FROM WHICH VIRTUALLY THE ENTIRE LINE
COULD BE OBSERVED. HOWEVER, HE ESTIMATES THAT THIS
WOULD REQUIRE SOME 250 ADDITIONAL MEN TO IMPLEMENT.

5. LACKING THIS, THE COLONEL'S SECOND BEST OPTION
WOULD BE TO USE AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS,

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OPERATING BY HELICOPTER OVER THE ZONE. EVEN THIS
WOULD REQUIRE SOME 90 ADDITIONAL MEN, AS WELL AS A
HELICOPTER, NEITHER OF WHICH IS FORTHCOMING.

6. NMOGS OPERATIONS ARE HAMPERED BY A COMPLETE LACK
OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ON THE PART OF THE OAU.
IKEHIRE POINTED OUT THAT, WHEN A U.N PEACEKEEPING
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FORCE IS FIELDED, IT IS SENT OUT IN COMPLETE UNITS OR
SUB-UNITS, WHICH PROVIDE FOR THEIR OWN LOGISTICS AND
ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE DOWN TO THE QUARTERMASTER,
COOKS AND WASHMEN. AS AN OBSERVER GROUP FIELDED BY
THE OAU, NMOG IS WITHOUT THESE BASIC OPERATIONAL
NECESSITIES.

7. FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF DECIDING WHO DOES WHAT
AND WHEN, THE 6 NMOG CONTINGENTS HAVE HAD
CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS IN INTEGRATING THEIR STANDARD
OPERATING PROCEDURES TO CREATE A FORCE THAT MANAGES

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TO GET THINGS DONE. BUT FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE, NO ONE HAS MADE THE DECISION AS TO HOW THE FORCE IS TO PROCEED. GENERAL OPALEYE, THE NMOG COMMANDER, DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE ADMINISTRATIVE SOLUTIONS TO THE GOR, YET THE OAU, TO WHOM THE NMOG ANSWERS, HAS ESSENTIALLY LEFT THE FORCE TWISTING IN THE WIND. IN PARTICULAR, THE OAU HAS NOT ACTED AS THE AUTHORITY THROUGH WHICH NMOG SHOULD DEAL WITH THE GOR IN CARRYING OUT ITS MANDATE. ON THE ISSUE OF LEASING A HELICOPTER, FOR EXAMPLE, IKEHIRE ASSUMES THAT IT WOULD BE THE OAU WHICH WOULD REQUEST SUCH A LEASE FROM, AND GUARANTEE PAYMENT TO, THE GOR, YET NOTHING IS BEING DONE ON THIS FRONT. IKEHIRE STATED THAT "AS LONG AS WE KEEP GETTING THINGS DONE, THE OAU SEEMS TO ASSUME THAT WE DON'T NEED ANYTHING."

8. COMMENT: NMOG'S OPERATIONAL COMMANDER CONTINUES

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TO IMPRESS POST AS A COMPETENT, MOTIVATED, AND
CREATIVE OFFICER. WE ARE EQUALLY IMPRESSED WITH
OFFICERS FROM THE SENECALESE AND ZIMBABWEAN
CONTINGENT, AND WITH THE COOPERATIVE, INDEED JOVIAL,
RELATIONSHIP WHICH PREVAILS BETWEEN THESE FOREIGNERS
AND THE GOR AND RPF MEMBERS. POST HAS NOT HAD ENOUGH
CONTACT WITH THE MALIENS TO ASSESS THEIR COMMITMENT
TO THE TASK. WE NOTE THAT NMOG HAS PROVEN THE VALUE
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OF IMET TRAINING FOR AFRICAN MILITARY OFFICERS: IT
IS IN LARGE PART DUE TO IMET THAT THE FRANCOPHONE AND
ANGLOPHONE SOLDIERS ARE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH
OTHER -- NMOG'S OPERATIONS LANGUAGE IS LACKLAND AIR
FORCE BASE ENGLISH. END COMMENT.
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